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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2003, the U.S. Army Garrison Alaska (USAG-AK) undertook the development of several proposed projects that triggered archaeological and cultural resources reviews. This report details the archaeological and cultural resources reviews and analyses that were conducted for each undertaking at each post under the U.S. Army Alaska's management (Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright, including Donnelly Training Area, within the boundaries of the former Fort Greely).

Additional investigations were also undertaken in Donnelly Training Area East as a part of USAG-AK's Section 110 inventory, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act.

In each proposed project area, survey and sub-surface testing was conducted, following procedures defined in USAG-AK's archaeological research design (Hedman 2002) and Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP; CEMML 2001). Where archaeological sites were identified within a project's area of potential effect, evaluative testing and investigation was conducted to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, based on National Register criteria detailed in 36 CFR 79, and pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA; 36 CFR 800). No historic properties will be affected by any of the proposed projects, as all eligible sites will be avoided through coordination with project planning. On-site monitoring also occurred as necessary to ensure avoidance measures were appropriate and followed.

Archaeological field crews, comprised of employees of the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML), Colorado State University, conducted surveys of all areas potentially impacted (both directly and indirectly) by proposed undertakings, and in high probability areas identified for Section 110 inventory studies. One crew, comprised of four archaeologists, conducted surveys at Fort Richardson; one crew, comprised of four archaeologists, conducted surveys at Fort Wainwright in the cantonment area and the Yukon Training Area; and four crews, comprised of four archaeologists each, conducted surveys at the Donnelly Training Area.

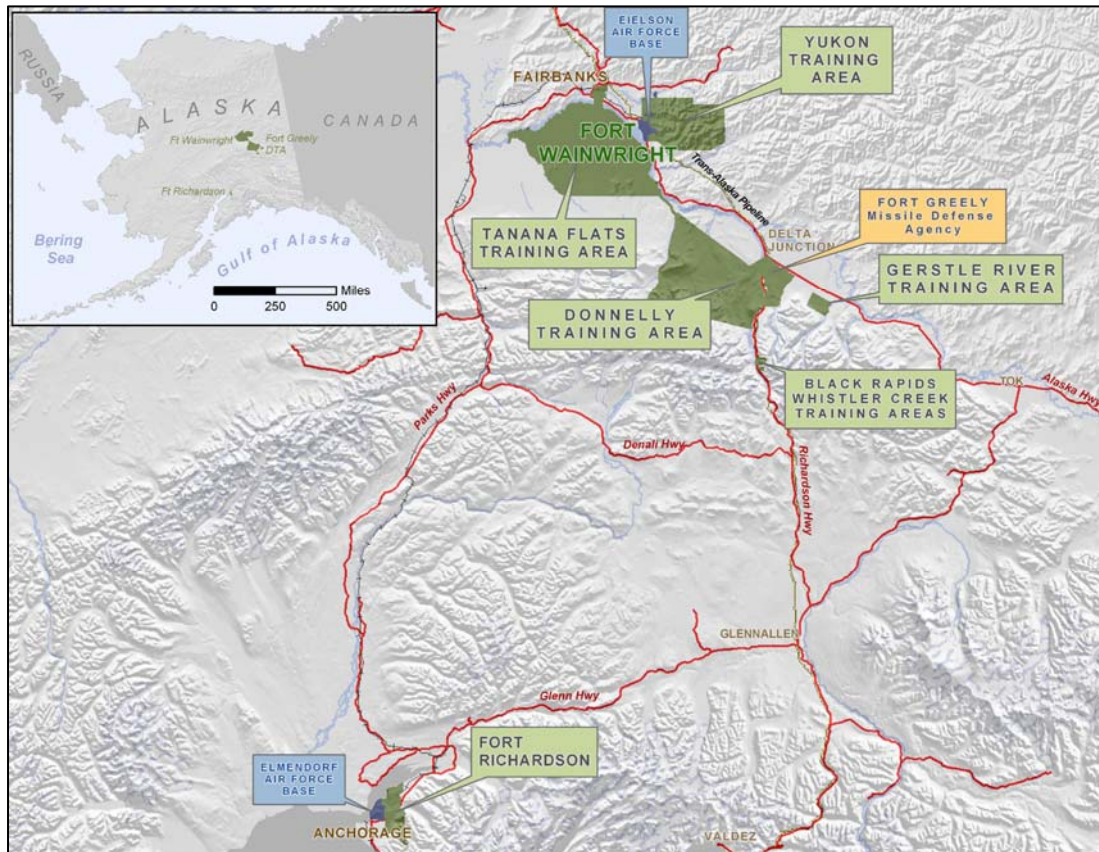


Figure 1. Location of U.S. Army Forts and training lands in Alaska